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SUBJECT: US PROVIDES ETHIOPIA TWO MILLION DOLLAR
GRANT FOR EMERGENCY TRUCK PROCUREMENT

1. THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER FOR RELIEF AND REHABILITATION
AND THE CHARGE' D'AFFAIRES OF THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY
SIGNED AGREEMENTS ON DECEMBER 21, 1977, UNDER WHICH THE
UNITED STATES WILL PROVIDE TWO MILLION U.S. DOLLARS TO THE
SPECIAL TRUST FUND WHICH HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY THE
ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT FOR PROCUREMENT AND OPERATION
OF AN EMERGENCY TRUCK FLEET FOR TRANSPORT OF FOOD
AID, OTHER EMERGENCY RELIEF REQUIREMENTS AND URGENT
FOOD RELATED COMMODITIES.

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2. AMERICAN CHARGE' RICHARD MATHERON STATED THAT
THE GRANT WAS IN RESPONSE TO THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT'S
APPEAL AND NOTED THAT IT EXEMPLIFIES THE INTEREST OF
THE U. S. GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE IN PROVIDING ECONOMIC
AND HUMANITATARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF
ETHIOPIA. HE STRESSED PARTICULARLY THE CONCERN OF THE
UNITED STATES TO ALLEVIATE SUFFERING CAUSED BY THE

DROUGHT AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS AS WELL AS THE DISTRESS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION RESULTING FROM THE CURRENT FIGHTING IN THE OGADEN REGION OF THE COUNTRY.

3. RELIEF COMMISSIONER SHIMELIS EXPRESS HIS APPRECIATION ON BEHALF OF THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE U. S. CONTRIBUTION, WHICH TOGETHER WITH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER DONORS, WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE A FLEET OF APPROXIMATELY 150 TRUCKS WHICH WILL BE OPERATED AS A SPECIAL UNIT WITHIN THE NATIONAL TRANSPORT CORPORATION (NATRACOR). LOGISTIC AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR THE OPERATION OF THE TRUCK FLEET WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

4. WITH THIS CONTRIBUTION, U. S. ASSISTANCE TO THE RELIEF AND REHABILITATION COMMISSION SINCE THE ONSET OF 1973 DROUGHT TOTALS OVER \$12.75 MILLION DOLLARS.

5. ALSO PRESENT AT THE SIGNING CEREMONY WAS MR. PRINCETON LYMAN, DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (USAID) MISSION TO ETHIOPIA. MATHERON UNQUOTE VANCE

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